(b) if so, whether it is a fact that there are only two stair-case landing for this island platform;

(c) whether it is also a fact that when local trains terminate, the stair-case get congested and hamper the movement of commuters; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to provide more landing and stair-cases for this island platform No. 1 and 2 at Dadar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 20 pairs of slow local trains originate/terminate on platform No. 2.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As no space is available for provision of any additional landings on Platform Nos. 1 and 2, no proposal for augmenting these facilities at these platforms is under consideration at present.

Opening of Computerised Booking Windows in Bombay

3031. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand for opening of Computerised Booking Windows for long distance trains in different parts of Bombay and around Bombay;

(b) the names of the places in Bombay region that have the facility of Computerised Booking Windows;

(c) the names of the places where the new Booking counters are proposed to be opened in the near future; and

(d) what are the criteria to be followed in selection of these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Names of places in Bombay Region that have the facility of Computerised Booking Windows are Bombay V.T., Bombay Central, Churchgate, Thane, Kalyan and Borivli.

(c) Kurla Terminus.

(d) Reservation workload, population density, distance from the nearest computerised reservation centre and the cost.

News item captioned "Railways utilising air space over stations"

3032. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the 'Financial Express' dated 13th July, 1992 under the caption "Railway utilising air space over stations";

(b) whether this policy is likely to be implemented in all the zones of the Railways;

(c) what are the proposal under consideration in the South Central Railways; and

(d) what steps Government propose to ensure maximum utilisation of air space over stations in the South Central Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Commercial exploitation of space over stations on Mankhurd-Belapur railway line has been taken up by City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) of the Government of Maharashtra, who is the owner of the land. There is no policy or proposal for such commercial exploitation of space over stations by Railways under consideration. However, there is a proposal for exploring the feasibility of commercial exploitation of space over railway land, which is still in a conceptual stage.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Overbridges at Railway Crossing in Uttar Pradesh

3033. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request have been received for construction of overbridges at large number of railway crossing in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on 31st July, 1992;

(c) whether any of these overbridges have since been constructed so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount spent on such overbridges; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Road over bridges at 19 locations were sponsored by Uttar Pradesh Government, on cost sharing basis and have been included in the Railway's Work Programme.

(b) The locations for the 19 Road over bridges are:

Deoria, Ballia, Mau (2 Nos.), Gonda, Lucknow (Badshahganj and Aishbagh), Shahjahanpur, Ahrura Road, Sultanpur, Nazibabad, Subedarganj, Rai Bareilly, Hardoi, Phaphumau, Kanpur, Parsakhere, Barabanki and Banda.

(c) and (d) 3 of the Bridges have since been completed and commissioned. Details of their locations and cost is:

Lucknow Aishbagh	: Rs. 3.50 crores
Mau	: Rs. 2.04 crores
Gonda	: Rs. 1.72 crores

In addition the Railways have completed the Bridge proper at Banda, Ballia and Deoria. They will be commissioned when the State Government complete the road approaches to the bridges.

(e) Does not arise.

Direct Superfast Trains from Agra to Lucknow, Allahabad, Varanasi and Bombay

3034. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request for introduction of direct superfast trains from Agra to Lucknow, Allahabad, Varanasi and Bombay;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action on these requests has since been taken;

(d) if so, the details thereof with progress made as on 31st July, 1992; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two representations—one from Shri Vasudev Gehani of Agra for introduction of a superfast train from Agra to Bombay and the other from Shri Bhagwan Shanker Rawat, MP for introduction of trains from Agra to Lucknow/Varanasi/Allahabad have been received.

(c) to (e) 5063/5064 Avadh Express earlier running between Ratlam and Lucknow has been extended to Bombay (Bandra) at one end and to Gorakhpur at the other w.e.f. 1-7-92 thereby providing an additional service between Agra Fort/Agra Cantt. and Bombay.

Introduction of additional trains between Agra to Lucknow/Varanasi/Allahabad has not been found commercially justified.